

Ministerial Orders

M.O., 2022

Ministerial Order 2022-021 of the Minister of Health and Social Services dated 11 March 2022

Public Health Act
(chapter S-2.2)

Ordering of measures to protect the health of the population amid the COVID-19 pandemic situation

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES,

CONSIDERING section 118 of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2) which provides that the Government may declare a public health emergency in all or part of the territory of Québec where a serious threat to the health of the population, whether real or imminent, requires the immediate application of certain measures provided for in section 123 of the Act to protect the health of the population;

CONSIDERING Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020 declaring a public health emergency throughout Québec for a period of 10 days;

CONSIDERING that the public health emergency has consistently been renewed since that date by various Orders in Council, including by Order in Council 214-2022 dated 9 March 2022;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 885-2021 dated 23 June 2021, amended by Ministerial Orders 2021-049 dated 1 July 2021, 2021-050 dated 2 July 2021, 2021-053 dated 10 July 2021, 2021-055 dated 30 July 2021, 2021-057 dated 4 August 2021, 2021-058 dated 13 August 2021, 2021-059 dated 18 August 2021, 2021-060 dated 24 August 2021, 2021-061 dated 31 August 2021, 2021-062 dated 3 September 2021, 2021-063 dated 9 September 2021, 2021-065 dated 24 September 2021, 2021-066 dated 1 October 2021, 2021-067 dated 8 October 2021, 2021-068 dated 9 October 2021, 2021-069 dated 12 October 2021, 2021-073 dated 22 October 2021, 2021-074 dated 25 October 2021, 2021-077 dated 29 October 2021, 2021-078 dated 2 November 2021, 2021-079 dated 14 November 2021, 2021-083 dated 10 December 2021, 2021-086 dated 13 December 2021, 2021-087 dated 14 December 2021, 2021-089 dated 19 December 2021, 2021-090 dated 20 December 2021, 2021-092 dated 22 December 2021, 2021-096 dated 31 December 2021, 2022-001 dated 2 January 2022,

2022-004 dated 15 January 2022, 2022-011 dated 29 January 2022, 2022-012 dated 4 February 2022, 2022-013 dated 5 February 2022, 2022-015 dated 11 February 2022, 2022-018 dated 19 February 2022, 2022-019 dated 25 February 2022 and 2022-020 dated 4 March 2022, provides among other things for certain special measures to apply throughout Québec;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 1173-2021 dated 1 September 2021, amended by Order in Council 1276-2021 dated 24 September 2021, and by Ministerial Orders 2021-067 dated 8 October 2021, 2021-079 and 2021-081 dated 14 November 2021, 2021-082 dated 17 November 2021, 2021-089 dated 19 December 2021, 2022-004 dated 15 January 2022, 2022-007 dated 23 January 2022, 2022-013 dated 5 February 2022, 2022-015 dated 11 February 2022, 2022-017 dated 15 February 2022, 2022-018 dated 19 February 2022 and 2022-019 dated 25 February 2022, provides that a person must be adequately protected to enter certain places or participate in certain activities;

CONSIDERING that those Orders in Council also empower the Minister of Health and Social Services to order any modification or clarification of the measures provided for in the Orders;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 214-2022 dated 9 March 2022 empowers the Minister of Health and Social Services to take any of the measures provided for in subparagraphs 1 to 8 of the first paragraph of section 123 of the Public Health Act;

CONSIDERING that the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic allows for the easing of certain measures set in place to protect the health of the population, while maintaining certain of the measures necessary to continue that protection;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT the operative part of Order in Council 885-2021 dated 23 June 2021, amended by Ministerial Orders 2021-049 dated 1 July 2021, 2021-050 dated 2 July 2021, 2021-053 dated 10 July 2021, 2021-055 dated 30 July 2021, 2021-057 dated 4 August 2021, 2021-058 dated 13 August 2021, 2021-059 dated 18 August 2021, 2021-060 dated 24 August 2021, 2021-061 dated 31 August 2021, 2021-062 dated 3 September 2021, 2021-063 dated 9 September 2021, 2021-065 dated 24 September 2021, 2021-066 dated 1 October 2021, 2021-067 dated 8 October

2021, 2021-068 dated 9 October 2021, 2021-069 dated 12 October 2021, 2021-073 dated 22 October 2021, 2021-074 dated 25 October 2021, 2021-077 dated 29 October 2021, 2021-078 dated 2 November 2021, 2021-079 dated 14 November 2021, 2021-083 dated 10 December 2021, 2021-086 dated 13 December 2021, 2021-087 dated 14 December 2021, 2021-089 dated 19 December 2021, 2021-090 dated 20 December 2021, 2021-092 dated 22 December 2021, 2021-096 dated 31 December 2021, 2022-001 dated 2 January 2022, 2022-004 dated 15 January 2022, 2022-011 dated 29 January 2022, 2022-012 dated 4 February 2022, 2022-013 dated 5 February 2022, 2022-015 dated 11 February 2022, 2022-018 dated 19 February 2022, 2022-019 dated 25 February 2022 and 2022-020 dated 4 March 2022, be further amended

(1) by striking out subparagraph *b* of subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph and the third and fourth paragraphs;

(2) in the eleventh paragraph,

(a) by replacing subparagraph 5 by the following:

“(5) a priest or minister or a person acting as a volunteer in a place of worship may remove his or her face covering when maintaining a minimum distance of one metre with any other person;”;

(b) by replacing subparagraph 6 by the following:

“(6) at a marriage in a hearing room or hall, a face covering must be worn by the public at all times, subject to the exception provided for in subparagraph 1, 4 or 6 of the third paragraph;”;

(c) by striking out subparagraphs *a* to *c* and *e* to *h* of subparagraph 7 and subparagraphs 8 and 9;

(d) by replacing subparagraph 11 by the following:

“(11) except in a private residence or its equivalent, including the grounds, balcony or terrace of such a residence, every person participating in a karaoke activity must, as applicable, wear a procedural mask or be two metres distant from any other person, or be separated from other persons by a partition;”;

(e) by striking out subparagraphs 12 and 13, subparagraphs *a* and *b* of subparagraph 14, subparagraphs 15 to 19, subparagraphs *a* to *c* of subparagraph 19.1 and subparagraphs 19.2 to 22;

(3) by striking out the twelfth and thirteenth paragraphs;

THAT Order in Council 1173-2021 dated 1 September 2021, amended by Order in Council 1276-2021 dated 24 September 2021, and by Ministerial Orders 2021-067 dated 8 October 2021, 2021-079 and 2021-081 dated 14 November 2021, 2021-082 dated 17 November 2021, 2021-089 dated 19 December 2021, 2022-004 dated 15 January 2022, 2022-007 dated 23 January 2022, 2022-013 dated 5 February 2022, 2022-015 dated 11 February 2022, 2022-017 dated 15 February 2022, 2022-018 dated 19 February 2022 and 2022-019 dated 25 February 2022, be revoked;

THAT the organizer of an activity or the operator of a place that has recorded information obtained from a person following verification of the person's QR code pursuant to Order in Council 1173-2021 dated 1 September 2021, as amended, be required to destroy that information;

THAT the operative part of Ministerial Order 2022-005 dated 21 January 2022 be amended by replacing “enabling a person to produce proof that he or she is adequately protected against COVID-19 within the meaning of Order in Council 1173-2021 dated 1 September 2021, as amended” in the first paragraph by “received by a person from the government of Québec enabling the person to produce proof that he or she is adequately protected against COVID-19”;

THAT the measures set out in this Order take effect on 12 March 2022.

Québec, 11 March 2022

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